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7.	Garada Irrigation	36.50
8.	Piplad Irrigation	16.93
9.	Olwara Lift Irrigation	9.00
10.	Indira Gandhi Nahar State-I (Extension, Renovation and Modernisation)	86.39

Land Under Irrigation

1519. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 149 million hectare agricultural land was under irrigation by small means in the beninning of the year 1995;

(b) if not, the full details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a fact has revealed recently from the study conducted by a wing of Birla Foundation that about 50 million hectare of land out of it is not arable now due to lack of irrigation; and

(d) if not, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per Land Use Statistics brought out by the Ministry of Agriculture, for 1992-93 (latest) the details of land under irrigation by all means together are as under:

(In million hectares)

		Year 1992-93 (provisional)
1.	Total Geographical area of country	328.73
2.	Total cultivable area	184.38
3.	Net area sown	142.51
4.	Gross irrigated area	66.14
5.	Net irrigated area	50.10

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As per official Land Use Statistics (1992-93), the net irrigated area in the country is of the order of 50.10 million hectares out of 142.51 million hectares of net sown area in the country.

[English]

To Save Cultural Heritage

1520. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the steady erosion and consequential threat to the river island Majuli (Jorhat District, Assam) a centre of Vaishnavite art and culture;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to save this religio-cultural heritage;

(c) the extent of erosion suffered by the Majuli island during the last decades;

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from any international agency/organisation for the reclamation and preservation of the Majuli Island heritage; and

(e) if so, details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c). The island suffers from erosion due to river action of the Brahmaputra and Subansiri. To prevent further erosion, embankments have been provided in some portions of the island. There are no protected monuments in Majuli island.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Jet Trainer Aircraft

1521. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of serious consequences in quality of training and loss of front line jet aircraft in training due to non-availability of suitable jet trainer aircraft;

(b) if so, whether any decision to acquire the Advance Jet Trainer has been taken; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). The Government is aware of the requirement of an Advanced Jet Trainer for stage III training of IAF combat pilots. Acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainer has, accordingly, already been approved by the Government. Commercial negotiations have commenced.

[Translation]

Rehabilitation of SSIP

1522. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rehabilitation work of Sardar Sarovar Irrigation project is going on at Taloda and Tanuka area of district Dhule in Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any provision to provide irrigation facility under this scheme for the land given to tribal farmers of the State; and